

Remarks

Claims 4-20 were pending.

Claim 11 is cancelled.

Claims 4-6, 8, 10 and 12-15, 17 and 18 are amended.

Claims 7 and 16 are original.

Claims 9, 19 and 20 are as previously presented.

The application now contains claims 4-10 and 12-20.

Claim 4 is amended to incorporate from claim 11 the limitation that the composition additionally comprises an epoxy compound which contains at least two epoxy groups in the molecule. Support is found in now cancelled claim 11.

Claims 5, 6, 8, 10, 12-15, 17 and 18 are amended to be correctly dependent from claim 4. Claim 10 is further amended to delete "epoxy compounds" from line 2.

No new matter is added.

Rejections

Claims 5-18 are rejected under 35 USC 112 because they are dependent on a cancelled claim. Applicants respectfully submit that the instant amendments to claims 5, 6, 8, 10, 12-15, 17 and 18 overcome the rejections, claim 7 is dependent on claim 6 and claim 16 is dependent on claim 15. Applicants therefore kindly ask the 35 USC 112 rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 4 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Laridon, US 4,282,309.

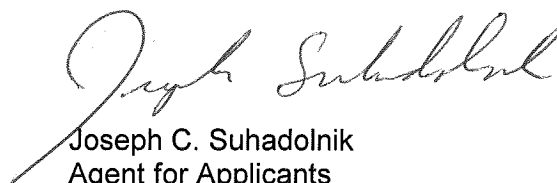
Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

The present Action states on page 11 that claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten as an independent claim incorporating the limitations of all intervening claims. The limitations of claim 11 are incorporated into claim 4 from which all other claims depend. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 USC 103(a) are thus overcome as instant claim 4 is what claim 11 would be if rewritten as an independent claim and kindly ask that the rejections be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections and objections are overcome and kindly ask that they be withdrawn and that claims 4-10 and 12-20 be found allowable.

In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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